

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE **Fiscal Note**

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

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**Subject:** worker Compensation Prescriptive Period

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WORKERS COMPENSATION Provides relative to the prescriptive period for claiming workers' compensation benefits

EG +\$225,000 SG EX See Note

Current law limits the prescriptive period of filing a claim for workers' compensation benefits for personal injury to two years following the injury unless a formal filing occurs or the parties agree to payments.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands the prescriptive period for personal injury from two years to three years following the injury.

Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2009-10	<u>2010-11</u>	2011-12	<u>2012-13</u>	2013-14	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$1,125,000
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$1,125,000
REVENUES	2009-10	<u>2010-11</u>	2011-12	2012-13	<u>2013-14</u>	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The state self-insures worker's compensation benefits for state workers through the Office of Risk Management using premiums paid by agencies (interagency transfers) and investment earnings on funds (self-generated revenue). Based on historical claims, less than 1% of claims have exceeded two years. With FY 07/08 claims of \$22,496,608, increasing the prescriptive period for personal injuries from two to three years is expected to obligate an additional \$225,000 in indemnity benefits per year (\$22,496,608 \* 1%).

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

**Dual Referral Rules** <u>Senate</u> 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or FeeChange

<u>House</u>

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increaseor a Net Fee Decrease

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